

From Sarah Brown McCulloch's *Guilford: A Walking Guide* (2012):

Nathaniel Bishop, 147 Boston Street, Colonial, 1755.

This house was moved here in 1975 from what is now the parking lot on Boston Street behind The Guilford Savings Bank. Its steep lines and trim are striking; the doorway with pediment is an addition as is the nineteenth-century slate roof, rare in Guilford. A pair of bay windows acquired during its use as an office building was taken out after it was moved and the original windows reproduced. In 1720 Nathaniel Bishop, a farmer and sea captain, married Abigail Stone and bought the land but didn't begin to build until many years later. He died in 1769 leaving a considerable fortune and his house, still unfinished. It is certainly possible that the deaths of his son in 1756, his wife and daughter in 1758, and another son in 1761 left him too bereaved to care about its completion. His grandsons inherited the house and the "boards, sash and glass" with which to complete it.